

Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

September 2007



COUNCIL MESSAGE

At this time the City is confronted with tough challenges as we try to follow our long-standing plans to revitalize the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) next to Sea-Tac Airport.

Our long-standing position has been that the Lora Lake area should be converted to non-residential uses. Since 2002, our Comprehensive Plan has anticipated converting the 162-acre NERA into airport-compatible commercial uses instead of residential properties. That transition was envisioned and embodied in the agreement the City, Port and the King County Housing Authority signed in 2000. That agreement called for the Lora Lake Apartments at the southern end of the NERA to be vacated before the third runway opens.

Currently, 82% of Burien's rental housing is affordable to low-income residents, compared with only 38% of Seattle's and 46% of King County's. As you know, this city welcomes people of all backgrounds and income levels in this community, but we want them to live in a healthier, safer place than Lora Lake.

The apartments were vacated by the July 20 deadline and we have been assured that all of the tenants secured alternative housing. As you may have read, on August 9 the Port of Seattle Commission voted to stick with their plans to demolish the Lora Lake Apartments. But the next day the King County Housing Authority secured a court ruling which delayed the demolition until a trial next spring. The court will determine if the Housing Authority can take control of the apartments and reopen them. In addition, a group representing homeless and low-income housing advocates has gone to court to challenge the demolition permit for Lora Lake. We do not yet know what the timing will be for that legal action.

We consider this site to be the anchor parcel for the entire NERA and we are anxious to begin the long anticipated transition to non-residential uses. At this point, however, the

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Burien Town Square Gets Its First Future Tenants

As construction work proceeds on the first phase of Burien Town Square, the condominiums that will occupy the upper levels of the retail/residential building are already being sold.

As of August 23, some 33% of the total 124 residential units had been purchased, with the majority of buyers current Burien residents, according to Kim Sharpe-Jones, marketing manager for Miller Condominium Marketing. Sales to the public began in mid-July when the Urban Partners marketing center at 455 SW 152nd Street opened.

Developer Urban Partners is moving forward with plans for Phase 2, which will include two multi-level buildings with a similar mix of retail on the lower floors and residential on the upper levels. Site preparation including demolition of the old Bartell's store is set for this fall.

On the retail side, negotiations are being conducted with a number of potential tenants that include a bakery/café, coffee and juice shop, salon and spa, and a sit-down restaurant, according to Dani Kirkland of the real estate firm CB Richard Ellis, which is providing retail services for Urban Partners. Kirkland said until negotiations are complete, the names of the businesses and other details are being withheld. She said the focus so far is on food uses, which she called traffic generators.



Burien Town Square's first structure is starting to take shape on SW 152nd Street.

The opening of the first phase of Burien Town Square is scheduled for fall 2008. For marketing information on the condominiums and retail space see www.Burientownsquare.com.

Burien Town Square will also feature a new one-acre city park as well as a new joint King County Regional Library and Burien City Hall. Final design work and cost estimates for the City Hall/library have been completed. Construction of the building is set to begin in late November, with completion by the end of 2008. Work on the park and streets will begin in spring 2008.

State Auditor Gives City Perfect Marks for Fifth Straight Year

The Washington State Auditor's Office recently gave the City of Burien a clean bill of health following an audit of City finances for the year 2006. The Auditor's Office routinely conducts audits of all state municipalities, focusing on a city's accountability for public resources, financial statements, and compliance with state and federal laws and regulations.

For the fifth consecutive year, the auditor reported "no findings." State Auditor Brian Sonntag commended the City for its fifth-year

achievement, "This accomplishment reflects the dedication of the City Council and the City staff to strong oversight of operations, good internal controls and accurate financial reporting," Sonntag wrote.

In another commendation, the City has received an award for Distinguished Budget Presentation from the Government Finance Officers Association. Accounting Manager Gary Coleman is responsible for writing and presenting budgets. Scott Hardin is finance director.

GOVERNMENT SERVICES

CITY HALL.....	241-4647
E-Mail burien@burienwa.gov	
Website www.burienwa.gov	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	248-5510
BUILDING DIVISION	248-5520
CITY ATTORNEY	248-5531
CITY COUNCIL	
Joan McGilton, Mayor	244-5168
Rose Clark, Deputy Mayor	248-3965
Sue Blazak, Councilmember	246-6129
Jack Block, Jr., Councilmember	246-7708
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember ..	242-8378
Sally Nelson, Councilmember	243-8030
Gordon Shaw, Councilmember	244-2457
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	248-5508
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	241-4647
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire District #2	242-2040
North Highline F.D.	243-0330
CITY JOB LINE	248-5534
HUMAN RESOURCES.....	248-5504
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES	
425 SW 144th Street	988-3700
CODE ENFORCEMENT	248-5507
POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Burien Precinct #4	
14905 6th SW	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS.....	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	296-8100
SENIOR PROGRAM	
425 SW 144 th Street	244-3686
OTHER NUMBERS	
Citizen Complaints	248-5530
Parking Complaints/Police	
Tip Hotline	205-0969
ANIMAL CONTROL	296-7387
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	575-1633
DISCOVER BURIEN ASSO.	433-2882
DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse)	
601 SW 149th St.	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
425-961-0618 Cell Phone 206-947-3852	
LIBRARY	
14700 6th SW	243-3490
SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline)	433-0111
SEWER	
SW Suburban Sewer Dist.	244-9575
Midway Sewer	824-4960
Valley View Sewer	242-3236
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE	
151 SW 156th Street.....	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20	243-3990
Water District #49.....	242-8535
Highline Water District.....	824-0375
Seattle Water District.....	684-5900

Citizens Can Join the Discussion About a New Community Center

Burien officials will be discussing preliminary plans for a new community recreation center at a public workshop on Thursday, September 20, at 7 p.m., at the Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144 St. The public will be able to learn more about what features are proving to be of interest to Burien's citizens. An additional follow-up workshop will be held on Thursday, October 18.

The feedback from these workshops, along with input from focus groups and stakeholders, is used to develop preliminary plans for a new community recreation center that will replace the existing Burien Community Center.

Housed in a 1940s-era elementary school, the Burien Community Center was formerly known as the Chelsea Elementary School, which closed in 1976. It was sold to King County in 1982 and operated as the Highline Community Center for several years until it was taken over by the City of Burien following incorporation.

The new recreation center is intended to meet the changing needs of the Burien community. Director of Parks and Recreation Michael Lafreniere said that this planning process will follow through with citizen recommendations made to

the City Council in 2005.

"I'm excited that we will soon begin to see the shape of things to come," said Lafreniere. "The architects have started to come up with some great concepts and designs, so we'd really like to get some feedback about what the public had in mind when we met with citizens and stakeholders earlier this year."

Burien officials are planning a public vote in the fall of 2008 on a bond measure for construction of the new facility. In addition to a construction bond, funding for the project could involve a variety of other resources, including banked property taxes that will go toward the senior program portion of the facility, capital improvement program funds, revenue bonds that are based on facility and user fees, and other forms of public and private resources.

In addition to the public meeting on September 20, residents and future users of the facility are invited to learn more by visiting the project website at www.burienparks.net. The public can also contact Burien Parks & Recreation at (206) 988-3700.

Annexation Ruling by Growth Board Changes Little

The Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board issued rulings in July that left intact proposals by the cities of Burien and Seattle to annex North Highline.

Both cities had previously declared North Highline a Potential Annexation Area and filed complaints against each other over the conflicting designation. The hearings board rejected those complaints, leaving unchanged the PAA designations for both Seattle and Burien. As part of Burien's case, the City agreed to withdraw its' PAA designation from the northeast corner of the area that had been designated a PAA by both Seattle and Tukwila in the mid-1990's. Removal of the northeast corner is currently before Burien's Planning Commission with City Council action expected by the end of 2007.

Burien and Seattle's overlapping PAA designations are scheduled for consideration before King County's Growth Management Planning Council in October for recommendation and ultimately before the King County Council for resolution.

The City Council voted last November to name North Highline a PAA, amending the Burien Comprehensive Plan to include the designation. The Council action came after a year-long community outreach effort in cooperation with Burien and North Highline residents as well as Seattle and King County.

Designation of a PAA is a required first step in the annexation process, but it does not obligate the City to annex and there are no requirements related to when the annexation must occur. The Burien City Council has not determined how to proceed with the annexation proposal.

North Highline currently is served by King County government as an unincorporated area. King County says it cannot afford to keep providing urban-level services to the area and has recommended that the area become part of a city through annexation.

The potential annexation area includes White Center, Boulevard Park, Beverly Park, Salmon Creek, North Shorewood, Top Hat and the South Park industrial area, with a total population of about 31,000.

6-Year Financial Plan Shows City of Burien in Good Shape to Meet Future Demands

Burien City Councilmembers in August reviewed the City's Six-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Program, the first step in developing the 2008 City budget. Councilmembers will be working on the 2008 budget during meetings and workshops this fall before adopting a final budget in November.

The 2008 spending plan largely will be a status quo budget, maintaining current service and staffing levels with continuation of a number of capital improvement projects, including the construction of the park and roads serving Town Square, the new City Hall / Library and the 1st Avenue South road improvement project.

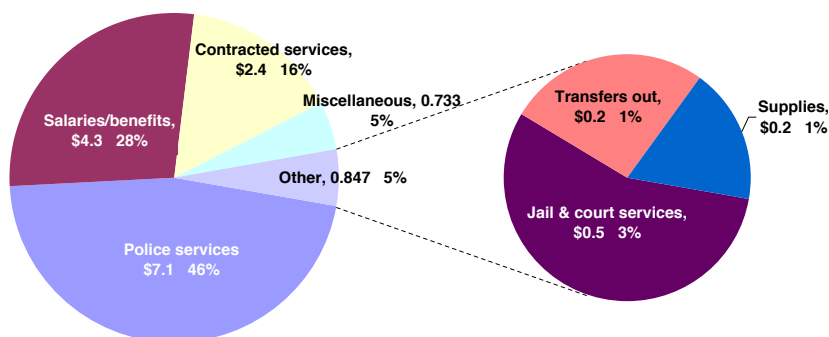
Sales and property taxes are the main revenue sources for the City, with revenue also coming from utility taxes, real estate excise taxes and various fees. More than half of the budget annually is spent on public safety, which includes police, courts and legal services. (See charts, right.)

The six-year financial plan shows that the City is in good financial condition for the next several years with healthy financial reserves and ending balances, although the amount of discretionary revenue is declining. There is money available for new capital projects, but resources will be strained because of rising construction costs.

Councilmembers are anxious to hear from citizens their views on City services, projects and other improvements. Citizens can contact a City Councilmember or attend a public hearing on the budget scheduled for November 5 during the regular City Council meeting, which is held at 7 p.m. at the Educational Resource and Administrative Center, at 15675 Ambaum Blvd. SW.

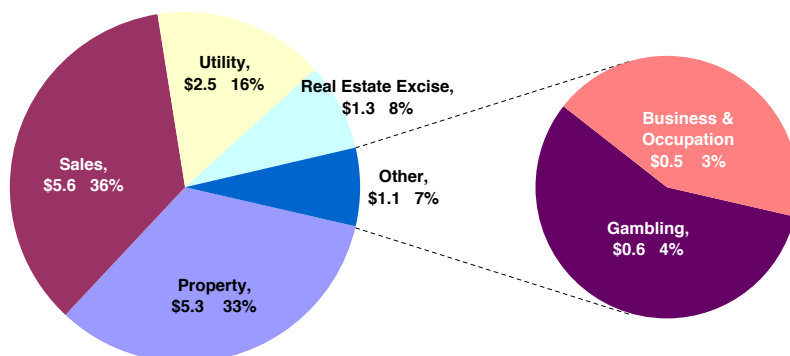
2008 General Fund Forecast Expenditures

in \$ millions (\$15.4)



2008 Operating Fund Forecast Revenues

in \$ millions (\$15.9)



City Works to Improve Communication With Latino Population

The City of Burien is extending its effort to communicate with Burien's Latino population by hiring a person to perform outreach. Maia Piccagli has been meeting with leaders and other prominent members of the Hispanic community.

"My purpose is to work to integrate the Burien community with better communication between the City government and the Latino population," Piccagli said.

Piccagli, who speaks English, Italian and Spanish, holds master's degrees in Public Health and Education. Last year she worked with the non-profit agency "Feet First" to develop a Spanish-language brochure that includes a walking map of Burien and other community information. Copies of the brochure are available at Burien City Hall, Burien Community Center, New Futures and Para Los Ninos.



Maia Piccagli

Latinos are the largest minority group in Burien, making up 11 percent of the City's population, according to the most recent census. Spanish is the primary non-English language, with 8 percent of the population speaking Spanish at home.

The City has taken measures to improve communication with its Latino residents, including printing in Spanish a summary of City news and events for inclusion in the City newsletter. The news summary also is inserted into Sea Latino newspaper and distributed to outlets and agencies in Burien frequented by Latinos. The City has also enlisted interpreters to help at important community meetings and events.

"We realize that Latinos are an important part of the Burien community," said Mayor Joan McGilton. "It is important for them to be knowledgeable about City affairs so they can participate in local government and help build a better community for everyone."



New Faces at Burien City Hall

The City of Burien this spring and summer welcomed three new management-level employees to City Hall.

Scott Hardin is Burien's new Finance Director. Hardin is a life-long resident of Washington. He earned a master's degree in accounting from the UW and worked for 16 years at Highline Community College in a variety of positions, including budget analyst, registrar and associate dean.



Scott Hardin

Angie Chaufy is the City's new Human Resources Manager. She has worked at the City of Des Moines for 16 years, starting in the City Clerk Department and working her way up to Human Resources Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk.



Angie Chaufy

Jan Voege is the City's new building official. Previously she was building official at the City of Sammamish, and before that at San Juan County in the San Juan Islands.



Jan Voege

National Night Out Brings Neighbors Together to Prevent Crime

Michael Bies for eight years has hosted what may be Burien's largest National Night Out event in his driveway and adjacent cul-de-sac on 4th Court S., adding attractions to make it bigger and better each year.

This year's event included a large inflatable toy for children, and a deejay who played music. Police officers and Fire District 2 firefighters attended to talk with residents about crime prevention and fire safety.

The greatest attraction may have been the potluck – a spread that reflected the diversity of the neighborhood. Bies said the annual National Night Out event is a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Burien Police Crime Prevention Officer Roy Galusha, who visited several similar gatherings the evening of August 7, says just knowing ones neighbors is effective in crime prevention.

"Residents who know their neighbors are better able to recognize when strangers – potential car thieves and burglars – are roaming the neighborhood and when something appears suspicious. Criminals tend to stay away from neighborhoods that have active block watches groups where residents watch out for each other," Galusha said.

The Burien Police Department is available to help residents form a block watch group in their neighborhood. Contact Officer Galusha at 206-296-3370 or e-mail him at roy.galusha@metrokc.org.



Burien Police Crime Prevention Officer Roy Galusha speaks with Burien resident Ken Boroughs at a National Night Out neighborhood gathering held on 4th Court S. Similar gatherings were held at homes and in yards and cul-de-sacs throughout Burien.



Tom Kitanoi cooks burgers and hot dogs at the National Night Out on 4th Court S.

City Takes Measures to Prevent West Nile Virus Outbreak

The 2007 mosquito season has arrived. The City of Burien is proactively responding to the threat of the spread of West Nile Virus through removal of mosquito habitat and treatment of habitat that cannot be removed.

Litter, including bottles and cups, create standing water where mosquitoes can lay eggs. It takes only seven days for a mosquito larva to become an adult. The City's Clean Sweep Program and Metro bus stop litter removal program reduce habitat for mosquitoes. A cleaner City results in fewer mosquitoes.

City-owned stormwater catch basins are designed to hold water. Standing water allows pollution and sediments to drop to the bottom of

the basins, thus improving the quality of storm water. However, standing water in enclosed basins also provides an ideal environment for mosquitoes to breed.

For the 2007 mosquito season, the City is treating all street right-of-way catch basins with a bacterial larvicide. This larvicide biologically prevents the mosquito larva from becoming adults. The first treatment of these catch basins occurred on July 24 and 25. Over 4,000 catch basins were treated over a two-day period by Whitworth Pest Solutions and City staff. The larvicide is activated by water and provides effective treatment for approximately a month. Additional treatments were applied in August and more are planned in September.

WEST NILE VIRUS HOTLINES

Public Health – Seattle & King County
Environmental Health (206) 205-3883

Communicable Disease & Epidemiology
(206) 296-4949 (select option 2)

Washington State Department of Health
1-866-788-4787

WEST NILE VIRUS WEBSITES

Public Health – Seattle & King County
www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile

Washington State Dept. of Health
www.dog.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/WNV.htm

WEST NILE VIRUS REPORTING

Dead Bird Reports
Public Health (206) 205-4394
Online dead bird reporting:
www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile/deadbird.htm

Noticias de Burien

Para nuestros lectores hispanos

Septiembre 2007

La ciudad se empeña en mejorar la comunicación con la población latina de Burien

La ciudad de Burien intensifica sus esfuerzos por comunicarse con la población latina de Burien al contratar a una especialista en promoción comunitaria. Maia Piccagli ha estado reuniéndose con líderes y personas destacadas de la comunidad latina.



Maia Piccagli

“Mi cometido es trabajar para integrar a la comunidad de Burien mediante una mejor comunicación entre el gobierno municipal y la población latina”, dijo Piccagli.

Piccagli, quien domina tanto el italiano y el español como el inglés, ostenta sendas maestrías en Salud pública y Educación. El año pasado, trabajó con la organización sin fines de lucro *Feet First* en la elaboración de un folleto en español que cuenta con un mapa peatonal de Burien y otras informaciones comunitarias. El folleto está disponible en la Alcaldía, el Centro Comunitario de Burien, *New Futures*, y Para los niños.

Los latinos son el grupo minoritario más grande de Burien, con un 11 por ciento de la población de la ciudad, de acuerdo al último censo.

La ciudad ha tomado medidas para mejorar la comunicación con los residentes latinos, entre ellas la elaboración de un resumen en español de noticias locales, el cual viene incluido en la gaceta de la ciudad. El resumen viene también con el periódico *Sea Latino*, y se distribuye en lugares frecuentados por los latinos. La ciudad ha contratado a intérpretes para ayudar en reuniones y eventos comunitarios importantes.

“Somos conscientes de que los latinos son parte importante de la comunidad de Burien”, dijo la Alcaldesa Joan McGilton. “Es importante que conozcan los asuntos de la ciudad para poder participar en el gobierno local y así ayudar a mejorar la comunidad para el bien de todos”.

El teléfono de Piccagli es el (206) 248-5538.

Futuros inquilinos para Burien Town Square

Conforme progresa la primera fase de las obras de construcción de la plaza *Burien Town Square*, ya se están vendiendo los condominios de los pisos superiores del edificio comercial y residencial.

Para el 15 de agosto, aproximadamente 32 de las 124 unidades de vivienda en total ya se habían vendido. La venta al público empezó a mediados de julio, cuando el centro de mercadotecnia Urban Partners abrió las puertas en el 455 SW 152nd Street.

De acuerdo a Kim Sharpe-Jones, directora de mercadotecnia de la firma Miller Condominium Marketing, el urbanizador Urban Partners está adelantando los planes para la Fase 2, con dos edificios de múltiples pisos, que contarán con una combinación similar de establecimientos comerciales en los pisos inferiores y viviendas en los superiores.

En lo que respecta a los establecimientos comerciales, se llevan a cabo negociaciones con varios posibles inquilinos. Éstos incluyen una panadería y café; un local que sirve jugos y café; un salón de belleza y spa; y un restaurante con servicio completo; esto de acuerdo a Dani Kirkland de la firma de



Se aprecia el progreso en la primera edificación de Burien Town Square por la SW 152nd Street.

bienes raíces CB Richard Ellis, la cual provee servicios comerciales a Urban Partners. Hasta que se finalicen las negociaciones, no se darán a conocer los nombres y otros detalles de las empresas, dijo Kirkland.

La apertura de la primera fase de *Burien Town Square* está programada para el otoño de 2008. Para información promocional sobre los condominios y espacios para establecimientos comerciales, visite www.buriertownsquare.com.

El Auditor estatal da marca perfecta a la ciudad

La Oficina del Auditor del Estado de Washington le dio a Burien excelentes marcas tras una reciente auditoría de las finanzas de la ciudad para el año 2006. La Oficina del Auditor realiza auditorías regulares de todos los municipios del estado con un enfoque en el seguimiento a los recursos públicos, declaraciones financieras, y cumplimiento con leyes y reglamentos estatales y federales.

Por quinto año consecutivo, los auditores no encontraron novedades. El Auditor del Estado Brian Sonntag felicitó a la ciudad, diciendo que “Este logro refleja la dedicación del Consejo Municipal a una fuerte supervisión de las operaciones, buenos mecanismos de control internos, y declaraciones financieras correctas”.

Se ofrecen clases de inglés como segundo idioma este

Se ofrecerán clases de inglés como segundo idioma este otoño en el Centro Comunitario de Burien, en el 425 SW 144th St. El curso es para los adultos que deseen desarrollar y mejorar su comunicación en inglés. Esta clase para principiantes se enfocará sobre el habla y la comprensión del inglés hablado. Los participantes aprenderán a usar el inglés en situaciones cotidianas al participar en actividades relacionadas a la vida doméstica, escolar, y social. El curso cuesta \$25.

Hay dos sesiones programadas:

Los martes del 25 sep al 27 nov; 9 – 10:30 AM

Los jueves del 27 sep al 6 dic; 6 – 7:30 PM

Para información, llame al Centro Comunitario de Burien al (206) 988-3700.

Los residentes pueden echar la mano en el “Día en el parque”

Únase a otros voluntarios para echar la mano en el “Día en el parque” de 2007 en celebración del Día nacional de tierras públicas. El Departamento de Parques, Recreación, y Servicios Culturales de Burien presenta el “Día en el parque” de *Earth Share* en el Parque Seahurst, a celebrarse el sábado 29 de septiembre, de las 9 de la mañana a la 1:30 de la tarde. La inscripción será de las 9:00 a las 9:30 de la mañana en el cobertizo sur del parque Seahurst.

Este año el proyecto se enfocará en mejorar los senderos y erradicar las plantas invasivas a lo largo de la playa y la cuesta del área norte del parque. El evento será dirigido por el personal de Parques Municipales y por *Volunteers for Outdoor Washington* (VOW). Este organismo colabora con los administradores de tierras para construir senderos, restaurar hábitat, y preservar el rico patrimonio de Washington.

Este gran evento al aire libre es coordinado por *Earth Share of Washington*, con apoyo adicional de Ikea y la emisora 103.7 *The Mountain*, y cuenta también con el apoyo de varias organizaciones más del área de Puget Sound.

Inscríbase vía Internet en www.dayinthepark.org, o llame al (206) 988-3700 para dejar su nombre para inscripción en el lugar del evento. Para mayor información, llame a Lisa Aumann, Coordinadora de *Adopt-a-Park*, al (206) 988-3700, o envíele una nota a lisaa@burienwa.gov.

Obras viales

1ST AVENUE SOUTH: Las obras de construcción siguen en marcha en el Proyecto de mejoras a la 1st Avenue South. Se agradece la paciencia de los conductores y otros que se han visto en la necesidad de aguantar los embotellamientos o tomar desvíos. Los negocios y restaurantes siguen abiertos durante las obras. Los clientes y empleados de los negocios de la 1st Avenue South, si salen a la calle a conducir durante los cierres nocturnos, deben esperar la ayuda de los trabajadores de seguridad que regulan el tránsito. Si no hay encargado de seguridad vial disponible, encienda y apague los faros o toque el claxon hasta que vengan a ayudarlo a salir sin peligro a la 1st Avenue South. Se proyecta que las obras viales terminarán en la primavera de 2008.

CORREDOR DE AMBAUM: Se planea el inicio de las obras de mejoría a Ambaum Boulevard y la SW 156th Street para este otoño. El proyecto, de valor de \$700.000, reconfigurará este tramo para crear un carril continuo para girar a la izquierda, dos carriles de tránsito motorizado y dos para bicicleta, amén de reparar las aceras y cerrar varias brechas en éstas.

La noche contra el crimen *National Night Out* reúne a los vecinos

Hace ocho años que Michael Bies sirve de anfitrión en posiblemente el evento más grande de Burien en la Noche contra el crimen, o *National Night Out*. Bies celebra el evento en el estacionamiento de su casa y el callejón adyacente por la 4th Court S., y agrega nuevos atractivos todos los años para el disfrute de los asistentes.

El evento de este año contó con un gran juego inflable para los niños, como también un DJ que animaba la fiesta con música. La policía y los bomberos del Distrito 2 se hicieron presentes para orientar a los residentes en materia de prevención de delincuencia y seguridad ante incendios.

El mayor atractivo pudo ser la rica comida traída por todos los residentes de tan diverso barrio. Bies dijo que la Noche contra el crimen anual es una excelente manera de conocer más a los vecinos. Roy Galusha, especialista en prevención de delincuencia de la Policía de Burien, tras visitar varias fiestas la noche del 7 de agosto, dijo que el simple hecho de conocer a los vecinos de uno ayuda a frenar el delito.



Seth Maxwell, bombero del Distrito 2, contesta las preguntas de los niños que asistieron al evento de la Noche contra el crimen en el 4th Court S.

Los residentes que conocen a sus vecinos pueden reconocer más fácilmente cuando desconocidos – que posiblemente se pueden meter al coche o a la casa de uno a robar – andan por el barrio, o cuando ocurre algo sospechoso. Los delincuentes tienden a evitar los barrios que tienen grupos activos tipo *Block Watch* en que los residentes vigilan unos por otros”, dijo Galusha.

Pocos cambios ante el fallo de la Junta de Control de Crecimiento

En julio, la Junta de Audiencias de Control de Crecimiento del Puget Sound Central dictó fallos sobre las propuestas de anexión de North Highline presentadas por las ciudades de Burien y Seattle, dejando las propuestas en pie.

Ambas ciudades habían designado a North Highline como un Área de posible anexión, o APA, y habían radicado sendas quejas la una contra la otra debido a las designaciones contradictorias. La Junta desestimó las quejas, dejando en pie las designaciones de APA de ambas ciudades. Durante la presentación de su caso, Burien aceptó retirar su designación de APA de la esquina noreste de la zona, la cual había sido designada una APA por Seattle y Tukwila a mediados de los años 90.

El conflicto entre las designaciones de APA de

parte de Burien y Seattle será tema de estudio ante el Consejo de Planificación de Control de Crecimiento del Condado King en octubre, organismo que dará recomendaciones antes de que el Consejo del Condado King llegue a una resolución final.

El noviembre pasado, El Consejo Municipal de Burien votó a favor de una designación de APA para North Highline, en una enmienda al Plan global de Burien. El Consejo tomó esta acción tras un año de consultas con la comunidad en conjunto con los residentes de Burien y North Highline, como también con Seattle y el Condado King.

El Consejo Municipal de Burien aún no ha determinado qué medidas tomar respecto de la propuesta de anexión.

Delitos graves siguen disminuyendo en Burien

Los delitos graves en Burien llegaron a su punto más bajo en tres años, tras una reducción en un 5,6 por ciento en comparación con el 2005. El Jefe de Policía Scott Kimerer presentó el informe anual de la Policía de Burien para el 2006 en una sesión reciente del Consejo Municipal. El jefe informó una reducción en casos de violación, robo de automóvil, hurto de valor inferior a los \$250, e incendios provocados. Sin embargo, los allanamientos de morada

subieron en un 21 por ciento, mientras que los robos incrementaron en un 14 por ciento. La cifra de agresiones con agravantes subió en un 27 por ciento.

La cifra total de los delitos menos graves de la Lista 2 también bajó en un 5 por ciento del 2005 al 2006. Subió la cifra de contravenciones relacionadas a las armas, la entrada ilícita en propiedad ajena, y la actividad pandillera.

Concerts in the Park

Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra performed The Best of Big Band July 12 as part of the City's Concerts in the Park series. Music-lovers enjoyed a range of performers, from country to blues, in the free five concerts held at Lake Burien School Park. The concert series will move to the Burien Town Square Park when it is completed in 2009.



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

1ST AVENUE SOUTH: Construction work continues on the 1st Avenue South Improvement Project. Motorists and others impacted by the project are thanked for their patience in dealing with traffic delays and detours. There are limited lane closures and at least one lane remains open in each direction during construction. Stores and restaurants are open and accessible throughout construction.

Business customers and employees of businesses along 1st Avenue S. exiting the business during night-time road closures should wait for the flaggers for assistance. If there are no flaggers available, flash your high-beam lights or honk your horn until a flagger can help you out safely onto 1st Ave. S. Road construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2007. Final paving will occur in spring 2008.

SHOREWOOD DRIVE SW: The City has signed a construction contract with CDM Constructors, Inc. to stabilize the failed slope at Shorewood Drive SW. The construction work was scheduled to start in late August and take roughly 30 days. The road should re-open in October.

AMBAUM CORRIDOR: Construction is scheduled to begin this fall on the Ambaum Boulevard/SW 156th Street corridor improvements. The \$700,000 project will rechannel the corridor to provide a continuous left-turn lane, two travel lanes and bicycle lanes, as well as repair sidewalks and complete several missing links. This stretch of street is one of Burien's highest accident locations. Construction is expected to take about four months.

Miller/Walker Creek Volunteers Wanted

- Would you like to volunteer to improve streams or wetlands in Burien?
- Do you have fish sightings in Miller/Walker Creek to report?
- Would you like a presentation for your school, church, or community group on our stream and wetland resources and how to protect them?

Burien will soon be expanding its efforts to improve water quality and green spaces along our streams and wetlands. These efforts will

be coordinated with and funded in partnership with the other governments that share the Miller/Walker Creek basin: Normandy Park, SeaTac, the Port of Seattle, and King County.

The success of these watershed stewardship efforts will depend greatly on partnerships with enthusiastic residents who care about our community's natural resources. We need your energy and knowledge. To join in or learn more, please contact Dan Bath, at danb@burienwa.gov, or call 439-3154.

Check Out Nia Fitness Classes Through Burien Parks

Nia classes are now being offered at Parks and Recreation Department. Nia combines selected movements and concepts from Yoga, Tai Chi, Tae Kwon Do, Aikido, Jazz modern dance, and other movement forms. This class offers total body cardiovascular, conditioning and cross-training and is suitable for all fitness levels.

On September 6, the Parks and Recreation Department will offer a free introductory class 7 -7:45 p.m. Come check it out! Classes will be held in the fall starting on September 22. For more information, please call the Burien Parks and Recreation Department at (206) 988-3700.

Residents Can Lend a Hand at Seahurst's 'Day in the Park'

Join community volunteers for "Day in the Park" 2007 held at Seahurst Park and Celebrate National Public Land's Day by lending a hand. The City of Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department is hosting Earth Share's "Day in the Park" at Seahurst Park on Saturday, September 29, 9 a.m - 1:30 p.m.

This year's event will be led by City park's staff and Volunteers for Outdoor Washington (VOW). VOW works with land managers to build trails, restore habitat and preserve Washington state's rich heritage. Project areas will focus on additional trail improvements and invasive plant removal along the beach and hillside on the north end of the park.

Please pre-register at www.dayinthepark.org or call (206) 988-3700 to include your name for onsite registration. Check-in/light snacks and T-shirt hand-outs will take place between 9 - 9:30 a.m. at Seahurst's south shelter.

Volunteers at last year's event regraded 320 feet of trail, added 135 feet of gravel, dug 150 feet of drainage ditches, cleared three culverts and added one culvert. Volunteers also removed 15 cubic yards of English ivy, clearing the invasive plant away from 55 trees along the entrance road leading to the park.

This large-scale outdoor volunteer event is coordinated by Earth Share of Washington, with major support coming from Ikea and 103.7 the Mountain radio. The event is also supported by several other Puget Sound organizations. Earth Share supports 66 nonprofit environmental organizations through workplace giving campaigns, volunteer matching, and community events such as "Day in the Park." Seahurst is one of seven King County locations selected for the annual all-volunteer park clean-up.

For more information please contact Lisa Aumann, Adopt-a-Park Coordinator at (206) 988-3700 or lisaa@burienwa.gov.

Support Senior Program at the Annual 'A Taste of Tuscany'

Join the Burien Senior Program for "A Taste of Tuscany" on Friday, September 14, 5 - 7 p.m., Burien Community Center, 425 SW 144th St. Tickets are \$8 each, available at the Burien Community Center Senior Program Office. The evening includes a spaghetti dinner and entertainment. All proceeds help the continuation of services and programs for seniors in our community. This event is sponsored by Daystar Retirement Village and CHOICE Advisory Services. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (206) 244-3686.

Major Crimes in Burien Continue to Decline

Major crimes in Burien in 2006 were at their lowest level in three years, decreasing by 5.6 percent from 2005. Police Chief Scott Kimerer presented the annual Burien Police Services Report for 2006 at a recent City Council meeting. The chief reported there were fewer rapes, vehicle thefts, larceny under \$250, and arsons. On the other hand, residential burglaries increased 21 percent while robberies increased 14 percent. The number of aggravated assaults increased 27 percent.

The overall number of less serious Part 2 crimes also decreased 5 percent in 2006 compared with 2005. Part 2 offenses that decreased include vandalism, narcotics violations, minor assault, forgery and family/juvenile disturbances. Increasing in number were weapons violations, trespass, and gang-related activity.

MAJOR CRIMES IN BURIEN

Offenses	2005	2006	Change
Homicide	3	2	-33%
Forcible Rape	24	14	-42%
Robbery	52	59	14%
Aggravated Assault	82	104	27%
Burglary, Comm.	148	151	2%
Burglary, Res.	192	232	21%
Larceny, over \$250	458	492	7%
Larceny, under \$250	632	517	-18%
Vehicle Theft	607	57	-16%
Arson	26	21	-19%

Total Part 1 Offenses	2,224	2,099	-5.6%
Total Part 2 Offenses	2,401	2,279	-5.1%

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Legislation approved by the Burien City Council June- August 2007.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 470 Amending BMC Title 15, Building and Construction Related to Local Amendments to the State Building Code. 6/18/07

Ordinance 471 Amending BMC Title 10.15 by the addition of a new section 10.15.105, Unlawful to Park or Stand Unlicensed Vehicle. 6/18/07

Ordinance 472 Amending traffic and safety code to authorize use of traffic safety cameras to detect stoplight and school speed zone violations. 8/20/07

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 264 Granting Preliminary Approval of the Rosatto Subdivision. 6/04/07

Resolution 265 Supporting the 2007 King County Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy Proposal. 6/11/07

Resolution 266 Establishing the 2007 Comprehensive Plan Docket. 7/2/07

Resolution 267 Promoting the Use of Apprentices for All City Construction Contracts Over \$1 Million. 6/18/07



Senior Shuttle passenger Thelma Shook and volunteer driver Gordon Frydenlund.

Volunteer as a Senior Shuttle Driver

Volunteer Drivers are being sought for the Senior Shuttle. Volunteers receive free specialized training in defensive driving, passenger assistance and first aid/CPR.

Shuttle drivers do not need a special driver's license. Flexible hours are offered and there is no heavy lifting. All of our drivers love what they do. Join them and volunteer to help in your community!

For more information, please contact Senior Services at (206) 727-6262 or apply online, www.seniorservices.org.

City Council Message . . .

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City's plans for the NERA are "on hold," waiting for the conclusion of court cases. We will keep our residents informed as the Lora Lake story unfolds. The Council hopes that eventually there will be more affordable housing created in downtown Burien, and more appropriate commercial uses near the third runway.

Your City Council

Pumpkin Patch Bash

Friday, Oct. 19
6 – 8:30 p.m.

Burien Community Center
425 SW 144th St
Ages 1 – 12

*Carnival games, costume contest,
refreshments*



Boo in Burien

Trick and Treat on Main Street
Saturday, Oct. 27
Noon to 1 p.m.

*Hayrides, haunted house, pumpkin
carving, dog costume parade*



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